# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3620
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ASSISTANCE BY CAPART TO AGA KHAN RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the CAPART has provided any financial assistance to Aga Khan Rural Support Programme, Gujarat based NGO during the last three years and the current year:

(b) if so, the details of the fund sanctioned released and utilised by this NGO so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said NGO is registered under Companies Registration Act, 1965 and does not fulfil the eligibility criteria as its legal entity prescribed by the CAPART for financing projects to NGOs`

(d) if so, the reasons for providing funds to this organization by the CAPART; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the CAPART officials responsible for the same?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India) has been recognized as a voluntary agency byGovt. of Gujarat in 1987 and as such funds were provided to the foundation earlier based on its experience in field of rural development, taking into consideration the objectives and activities of the institution,

(e) Does not arise.